



ÉCOLE SEAFORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

SEAFORTH PAC EVENTS SUMMARY 2012-2013

Here is a summary of some of the activities and events that PAC sponsors throughout the year. We are always looking for co-coordinators to ensure that knowledge can be passed on from year to year. If you'd like to be involved in any of these events, please note your interest on the Volunteer Form.

CROSSWALK SAFETY – Coordinator: Anne Deliyannides and ***

Every morning and every afternoon, our committed and tireless crew of parents and student patrollers keep a watchful eye on our children. This dedicated group of parents is always looking for volunteers to help supervise our student patrollers at the crosswalks around the school. Seaforth participates in the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation and the ICBC Way to Go program!

TRAFFIC SUPERVISION – Coordinator: ***

In an effort to keep our children safe and to keep traffic moving smoothly along Piper, the traffic supervisor coordinates a number of “traffic rule reminder” days and educates drivers about the rules.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS – Coordinator: Birdie Chan

The Festival du Livres – a French Book Fair – will take place on September 18 and 19 during the parent/teacher intake meetings, with an English Scholastic Book Fair in the spring. A large selection of books in both French and English that are suitable for preschool age to teenagers will be available. Proceeds from this sale go towards books and resources for our library.

CHECK-A-CHILD – Coordinator: Janet Lee

Every morning, parent volunteers call the parents of children that are absent without the school being notified. This helps ensure the safe arrival of your children at school every day. Remember to call the school before 9am if your child will be away for the day!

HOT LUNCH – Coordinators: Cathy Nielsen, Rishma Vallani

Thousands of dollars are raised for the PAC with our highly successful Hot Lunch program. Pre-ordered sushi, pizza, sandwiches and hamburgers are just some of the offerings that are delivered to classes twice a month by an enthusiastic army of parent volunteers.

MUNCH A LUNCH – Coordinators: Meishan Cheung, Adrienne Dall’Antonia

This new hot lunch program was introduced in spring 2012. These lunch options highlight the benefits of a balanced meal, with an entrée, salad and dessert in each meal.

POPCORN FRIDAYS – Coordinators: Adrienne Dall’Antonia, Ann Einstein

Adrienne and Ann serve popcorn to our students every Friday at recess, rain or shine! The kids love it, and the popcorn ladies generally raise more than \$2,000 for the PAC! The bags are sold for \$1 each. If you get tired of scrounging for loonies on Friday mornings, your child can purchase a punch card for \$5 or \$10 that the popcorn ladies keep on your child’s behalf (so the cards don’t get lost).

FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT – Coordinator: Siva Ramesh

Family Photo Night will be held for four nights in early October from 5–9pm. The \$20 sitting fee is donated to the school and the photos are fantastic. We need volunteers for each photo night.

WACKY WEDNESDAYS – Coordinator: Cheryl Tong

This program provides general interest lunchtime presentations at the primary level. Past topics have included Cinemazoo, Mad Science, magic shows and art programs, but could include anything that would be interesting and fun for the kids!

JINGLE BELL WALK – This annual event, scheduled for December 7, allows our students to experience the pleasure of volunteering to help the less fortunate by collecting food items throughout the neighbourhood and packing the food into boxes, which are then delivered to the food bank.

SANTA’S BREAKFAST – Coordinator: Bonnie Kao

One of the most anticipated events of the year by teachers, parents and students alike, Santa’s Breakfast takes place on December 21, the last day before Winter Vacation begins. Thousands of pancakes will be served to the students and teachers by parent volunteers. It’s like a giant Hogwarts feast, but without the floating candles and pointy hats.

SPIRIT DAY – SEAFORTH STUDENT COMMUNITY CONFERENCE – *Coordinator: Pablo Su, Gail Su*

Seaforth's Spirit Day takes place in the spring and provides an opportunity for students to be exposed to a multitude of speakers and experiences. This event requires the support of both the parents and the community. More details will be distributed later in the year.

SPORTS DAY – *Coordinator: ****

Scheduled for May 17, the PAC organizes a concession stand to keep spectators nourished on this fun-filled day.

FAMILY SOCIAL – *Coordinator: ****

Historically we've had a parent social with silent auction as a fundraiser. We'd like to try a family social this year, perhaps in February to coincide with Valentine's Day and Kindness Month. If you're interested in taking on this event, let us know!

PARENT PUB NIGHT – *Coordinator: ****

Lots of schools organize a pub night for parents, with great success. Seaforth hasn't had a pub night for years but we'd love to start them up again. If you're interested in organizing a pub night, let us know!

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – *Coordinator: Dal Sidhu*

Toward the end of school the parents and PAC organize a special luncheon to show our appreciation to Seaforth's staff for their hard work during the year.

SAFE SCHOOL COMMITTEE – *Coordinator: MaryAnn Giardini*

The Safe School Committee plans fun and educational events and programs throughout the school year with a focus on empathy, kindness and respect.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE – *Coordinator: ****

To prepare ourselves in the event of a disaster, we need a few volunteers to ensure our emergency container is adequately stocked and to help coordinate disaster plans and drills.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – *Coordinator: David Bailie*

The technical committee examines the different technical options available to Seaforth students and coordinates a long-term technical plan with the school and district.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE – *Coordinator: ****

The playground committee prepares a long-term plan for the school playground equipment to prepare for the inevitability of repair and replacement as equipment ages. We haven't had a Playground Committee coordinator for a couple of years. Now that our technical wish list is nearly complete, we should really start focusing on the playground, since this will eventually require significant expenditures. If you're interested in this position, let us know!

HEALTH AND NUTRITION COMMITTEE – *Coordinator: Adrienne Dall'Antonia*

The mandate of this committee is to analyze current and prospective items to be sold at Seaforth (in terms of nutrition content and compliance to the provincial government's *Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in B.C. Schools*) and to assist in locating suitable suppliers when possible. Also, the committee will act to consider new initiatives that contribute to improving the health of Seaforth students (such as a milk program, fruit and veggie snack program, action schools initiatives, etc.).

All of the PAC sponsored programs at Seaforth could not run without the many hours of commitment that you give to our school. Thank you to all the volunteers and coordinators for making these events such a success – your efforts are very much appreciated!